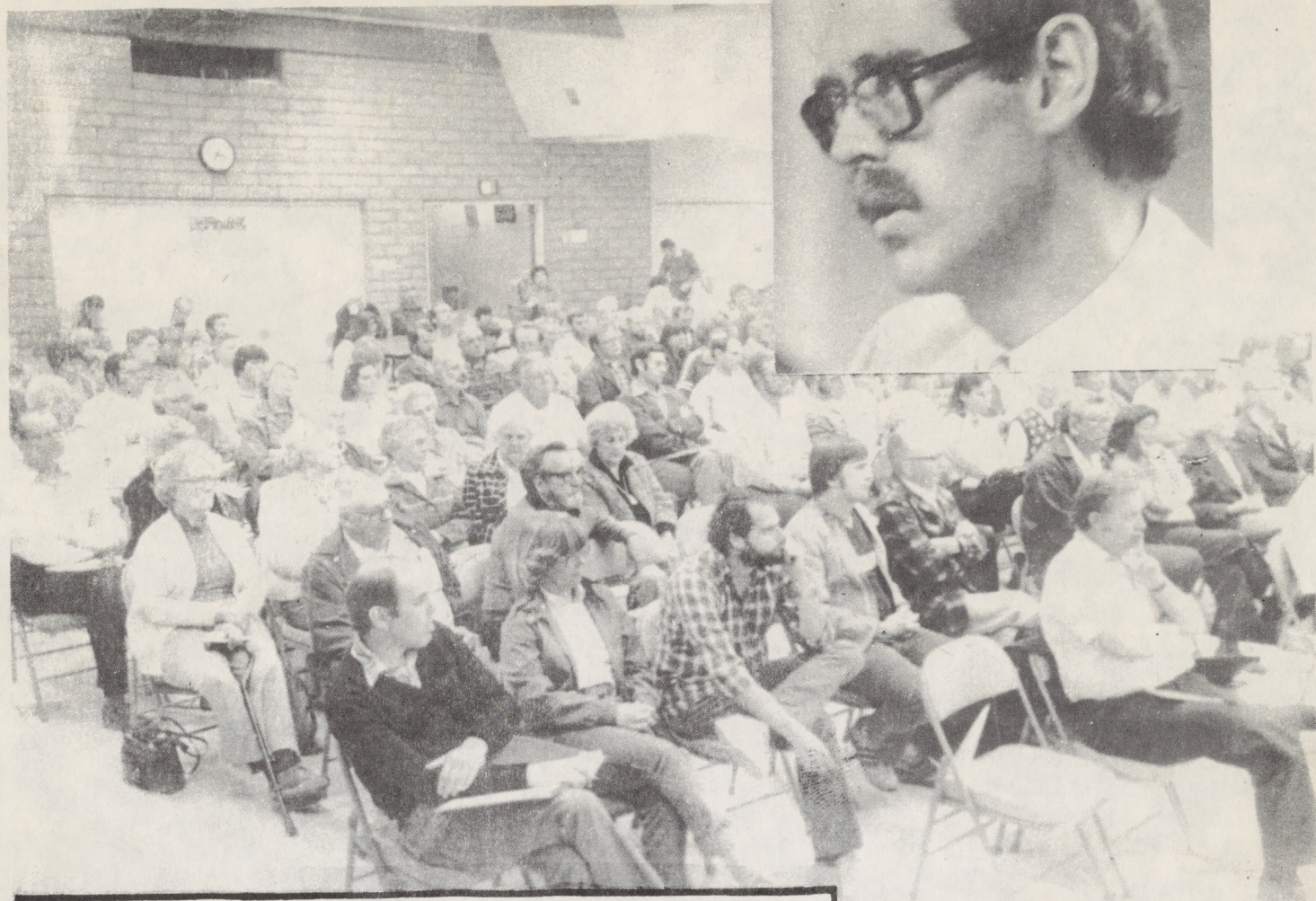


Time to Fight?



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Inyo's District Attorney talks to public hearing crowd: agreement may not be the answer now but a return to the courtroom battle.

The Inyo political kitchen has grown almost too hot for some Supervisors to bear. It had even driven one or two to the idea of renegotiating the DWP agreement proposal. March 27th had been set as decision day by the Board... a Board now stunned by public insults and demands of past weeks. But even as Supervisors licked their wounds, the bigger picture floated on by.

While all of Inyo's officials and many of their constituents stewed over a groundwater agreement with DWP, almost all had forgotten what the fighting was about. Inyo's District Attorney, the man now at the courthouse who has dealt with DWP the longest, finally reminded them - Los Angeles faces threats to all of its water sources and if Inyo wants real protection, now is the time to get it.

There have been many signs. When Superior Court Judge Don Turner ruled Inyo's Groundwater Ordinance unconstitutional, many viewed that judgment as the first step toward success at a higher court level. But Los Angeles saw that decision as an opportunity to manipulate Inyo County back into agreement talks. It worked, and for the past 8 months or so, Inyo and Los Angeles have done a lot of talking. The Groundwater Ordinance case lost momentum in the courts and, as most know by now, the result of the talks is an agreement disliked by many local people.

Several of the Supervisors have readily admitted that they didn't understand the

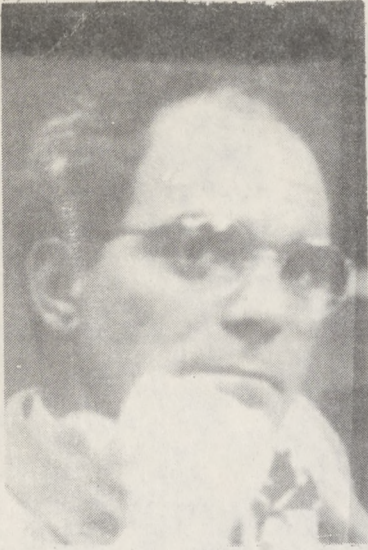
agreement and must have one of their staff "experts" explain it. Opponents of the agreement have said that it took no expert to discover that the document is full of loopholes and advantages for Los Angeles. Hundreds, probably thousands, know what they don't want in the water war. But what do they want? District Attorney Gibbons said at public hearings that the fight will eventually have to end up in court. He said that Inyo's rights should be pursued now instead of later because water shortages lie ahead for California and especially for Los Angeles. "Generally," said Gibbons, "time is not on our side." Several people in the public hearings revealed how Los Angeles will face challenges to many of its water sources - Metropolitan Water District water, Colorado River water, Mono Lake water - leaving the Owens Valley to be further exploited.

While it would be nice to reach an agreement with Los Angeles and stop all of the fighting, niceties rarely provide pro-

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Tony Rossmann

tection against a tough adversary. The District Attorney observed that most consider it "Satanic if you're not in favor of an agreement. I think this is questionable. There are some times," said the D.A., "in serious cases when you don't get what you deserve, you don't settle. Inyo County doesn't deserve something if it's wrong."

Gibbons said that Inyo is putting off its "eventual day in court" with Los Angeles. Those who have watched the actions of Los Angeles over the years know that the City will never voluntarily hand over control of Owens Valley water to Inyo County people. And so, short of all out political warfare, the arena of the courts is probably the only way Inyo can fight the Big City. "I think that it is likely," Gibbons added, "that we will gain full credibility in court. Chances are stronger now since the stresses on L.A.'s other water sources is intensifying. Water demands will increase. The need for our water will expand. We've run most of the race, why not finish it."

And another long-timer in the water war, former County Administrator John K. Smith, believes that Inyo has barely begun to run the race. In past months, Smith talked to News-Letter about the agreement concepts. He said that "the City is extremely shrewd in what they're doing! I'm just worried to death that they're keeping us all tied up in this groundwater concept and just politely sliding by, using their surface water any way they please and continuing to claim they own it all." Smith believes L.A. does not own it all. He thinks the City's surface water rights are vulnerable.

But what about Special Legal Counsel Tony Rossmann? He has been, as one woman put it, a "folk hero" in the water war. Many have looked to him for a voice of reason in the confusion created by several Boards of Supervisors' willingness to sign what are now considered sell-out agreements. And so when Rossmann stood up at the public hearings and made noises as if he favors the agreement, many were outraged. One said that she was "disappointed in Rossmann's defection." And it seemed as if he had suddenly become a mouth piece for the Supervisors pushing the agreement. He said things like "Inyo comes out better than Los Angeles in the agreement." Rossmann implied that an environmental impact report is not necessary for the agreement.

But those who know him pointed to one of Rossmann's favorite slogans: "if you have a lemon, make lemonade." Rossmann does live under the attorney-client relationship with the Board of Supervisors. Such an arrangement makes it difficult for Rossmann to freely speak his mind. District Attorney Gibbons once had the same problem when he worked for the Supervisors as County Counsel. He no longer works for the

Board and does have greater freedom in expressing his views. A number of people are saying Rossmann went too far in defense of the agreement. For those, the "folk hero" has fallen from grace. But Rossmann was the first official to at least recognize the public dissatisfaction over the agreement. It was he who proposed a changed agreement to lessen the impacts of the now notorious pumping table.

Some close to the situation have privately said that Rossmann is "being realistic." He was convinced that the Supervisors would sign the agreement and so he wanted to at least get the best he could for them. He is their lawyer." Lawyers don't always do what they want. Rossmann's position with the Supervisors before now has been tenuous. Only after the Grand Jury's reprimand for leaving Rossmann out of the agreement negotiations did the Supervisors include him. All of the other advisors of the Board live under similar circumstances - they serve at the "will of the Board", essentially, and can be fired if they say the wrong things.

But there are those who have no fear of offending the Supervisors - a growing number of constituents have stated bluntly that they resent the Supervisors' ignoring their views. Father Christopher Kelley of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Bishop stated it eloquently. He called the agreement "morally worthless." Kelley said, "God did not put water here to be wasted there. It violates God's laws and State laws... this agreement is hasty, false, unjust, ungodly and immoral and so is anyone who signs it."



Father Christopher Kelley

Finally, members of the Owens Valley Committee said that they would have to take the Supervisors and County to court if the agreement is signed. They have maintained all along that an environmental impact report should be done on the agreement. Meanwhile, Los Angeles just sat back and watched Inyo's officials and citizens fight. Their adversary was divided and they just waited for what they wanted. ■

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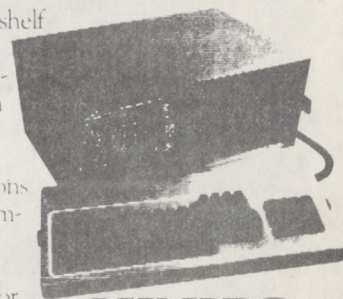
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Inyo County, with its population of 17,000 has hardly any clout in Washington, D.C. Most officials have figured that they can live without the relatively small number of voters here, and most make an obligatory appearance at Mule Days and then get on with politics in the Capitol.



Congressman Bill Thomas

In the eyes of many constituents, Congressman Jerry Lewis has been different. He actually talks personally with people in his district and goes to bat for them when Federal Government red tape gets in the way.

Of course, Lewis is on his way out of Inyo's district because of re-apportionment and Inyo is back in the district of Congressman Bill Thomas. Thomas represented Inyo once before. The re-apportionment shuffle gave us Lewis, but now has taken him away.

Thomas has shown no great love for Inyo and some consider him useless in the local battles with federal bureaucracy. His reputation on environmental issues is less than favorable. But Thomas's spokesmen disagree. The Republican Congressman will probably have another chance to represent Inyo in the nation's Capitol. And with all of the thousands of Federal acres here, Inyo needs someone who cares about more than just getting votes.

And speaking of Congressmen... Jerry Lewis did send out an opinion survey to his district. It's all about the quality of education. Constituents here and in other parts of Lewis's District overwhelmingly feel that the quality of American education has declined in their lifetimes.

The survey shows that 93% of those answering believe that our schools fail to prepare our children for adulthood and jobs. 64% support improvements in requirements for all high school students - more english, math, and science. 64% also believe that school days and school years should be longer. Those answering do not believe that spending more money on education will improve it. They seem to believe that more

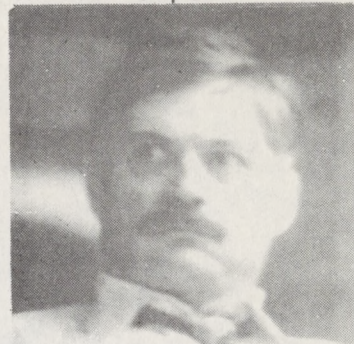
qualified teachers and tougher requirements may help.

And nearly 89% believe that students should do more schoolwork than they are now doing. Local school officials have heard the same complaints and some have made changes to require more of local kids.

County Counsel Dennis Myers has tangled with this year's Grand Jury a few times. He even went to court to try to stop the jury from asking questions on the DWP water agreement. He failed.

Now, Myers is picking on the Grand Jury again. He told the Supervisors that he questions whether the grand jurors can legally ask the County to pay for the publication of the jury's interim report in the Inyo Register.

That report was printed. The jurors said they were concerned that local papers had inadequately reported on the interim report. They said they wanted the Inyo public to be able to read the report for themselves.



Dennis Myers

Myers said that he will look into what he calls the possibility of an illegal expenditure by the Grand Jury.

And it looks like another homicide investigation in the Death Valley area. A mysterious case is unfolding there. The Death Valley vicinity has been the scene of at least three murders in recent years. Inyo Sheriff's men believe they may have another murder case on their hands.

Tourists rummaging around the Tecopa area noticed a strong odor coming from an abandoned mine shaft. They reported it to authorities who confirmed the worst suspicions - a body was down there. Later autopsy results showed that the 58 year old man from Georgia had been shot and apparently dropped down the mine shaft.

Sheriff's men will have to retrace the life of this man during the past few months to unveil the mystery of why he was killed and why his body ended up in Inyo County.

And it looks like this past winter has ended up as a good one for tourism around here. The economic barometer is Mammoth Mountain. When the ski area has a good season, the wealth spreads throughout Inyo County.

Skiers drive up the highway and spend dollars in Inyo motels, restaurants, and stores. Well, according to Evan Russell at Mammoth Mountain, this year will probably jump ahead of last year in terms of skier numbers by around 5 to 10%. He said this year still falls behind the all time record season of 1981-82. Russell believes that the end of the year records this year will show that the season will exceed one million skiers.

And that's good news.

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Many were glad to see Lois Wilson at the Lone Pine public hearing on the water agreement. Lois was a guiding force in the formation of the Concerned Citizens Committee - a group which worked to defeat past agreements with Los Angeles.

Ms. Wilson told the Supervisors that the Lone Pine town well has been pumping 24 hours a day for a long time and that nothing in the proposed agreement addresses that serious problem. She said that "after five years of having my trees die and watching the town die, I have good cause for mistrust." She said that the people of Inyo voted for the Groundwater Ordinance and that was telling officials what they want.

There are some big corporate changes ahead at Union Carbide. As of April 2, the mine and mill at Pine Creek will no longer be run by Union Carbide but by a new, wholly owned subsidiary of the company called Umetco Minerals Corporation. The new company will take over all of Carbide's tungsten and other metals business in the United States, South Africa and South America.

Umetco will be headed by Frank V. McMillen, now president of Union Carbide's metals division. He was in Bishop recently but refused to comment on anything surrounding the changeover. Carbide issued a press release in which McMillen was quoted as saying the changeover will allow more flexibility for the company and will allow Union Carbide to direct its businesses under what he called "unified financial and management structure."

What everyone in Bishop wants to know, though, is what that will mean for the local employment picture. Of course the mill is scheduled to shut down again next week and the mine has been closed since last October. But McMillan also refused to answer questions about that area so crucial to the local economy.

Carbide's local manager, Mel Pembroke, who says he thinks the change will have little effect on local employment. He says

there are no plans to stop the layoffs slated for March 25.

Inyo Superior Court Judge Don Chapman may have some big decisions ahead. Chapman heard the Bishop shopping center case yesterday and if a citizens group files suit against the Supervisors, Chapman may be the one to deal with that too.

The issue in both cases centers on environmental law. Bishop merchants who filed the suit to stop the shopping center project, claim that the County and developers must prepare an environmental impact report on the project. They say that the center will have a heavy impact on small businesses now established in downtown Bishop.

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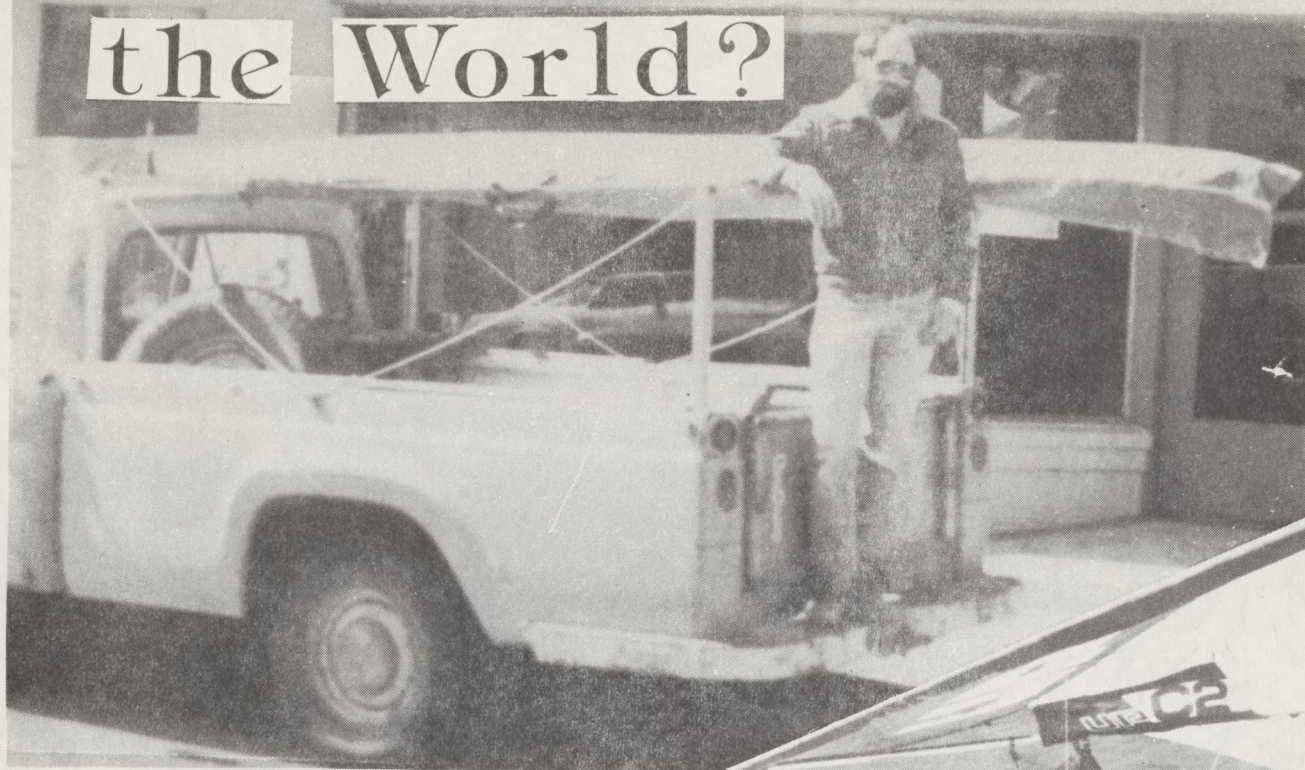
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Rick Masters at his Independence hang gliding center.

For those who prefer terra firma beneath their feet, hang gliding seems like a terrifying nightmare - just you and some wings way up there at the mercy of the wind.

But to a growing number, strapping on wings and leaping off cliffs is a fascination, a thrill, and a skillful sport. It's one of those "if you try it, you'll go crazy over it" sports. That's how Rick Masters of Independence feels about it. "The first time I went hang gliding... the minute I took off... I knew that hang gliding was it."

Many who have dared to glide feel the same way. Man has always been just a little envious of the birds who seem to have such a great time soaring and gliding over our heads. To most, hang gliding, or foot launch soaring as some call it, probably seems like a wild hobby. But for Masters it is serious business. He sees it as an infant sport now that can transform into an Olympic sport for the 1988 Winter Olympics in Canada. But the key, according to Masters, is promotion, and he has a plan.

Masters wants to create the world center of hang gliding in Independence. He has a reason for such a high-flying notion. The Owens Valley is considered one of the foremost hang gliding areas in the world. It has the mountains and the air currents. Masters says that Mazourka Canyon, Horseshoe Meadows, and other nearby areas are perfect for the sport. And Masters is probably the best around to promote hang gliding. He loves the sport and has won awards for his journalistic achievements in promoting the sport.

Masters will open a museum for soaring enthusiasts in the old Indian Tribal building at Independence. Later, the building will become a center for soaring activities. Masters and others from out of the area have formed the Cross Country Pilots Association, a non-profit organization, which will use



Larry Tudor of Utah who set a long distance record of 220.8 miles from Horseshoe Meadows to Austin, Nevada - 7/13/83.

Photo: Rick Masters

this center. Masters says he's not making any money on any of this promoting, but if the sport really takes off around here, it could become profitable to many. This summer, for instance, Masters will promote a meet near Horseshoe Meadows for long distance soarers. It will bring many visitors to the area who will spend money in local towns. He says that the Pilots Association will help visiting pilots understand the dangers of the sport and advise spots for their launching.

Owens Valley is not a place for beginners. Two pilots, unable to hold their own against strong mountain and desert winds, tumbled to tragic deaths in the valley. Masters says a key part of his work will be to see that this doesn't happen. The meet this summer will probably put many pilots to a tough test. The goal is to break the 300 mile distance mark. Gliders will go as high as 18,000 feet on hot air thermals, rising from the valley floor. Sounds incredible, but pilots maneuvered similar paths last summer when the world's record of over 220 miles was set in the Owens Valley from Horseshoe Meadows to Austin, Nevada.

Hang gliding... foot launch soaring... it may have a big future in the Owens Valley and Rick Masters is in on the ground floor as he looks to the sky to "capture people's attention... it's what I dream about."

FORUM your view



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To the Editor:

The Board of Supervisors has been so determined to ignore the significant opposition to the proposed DWP agreement that the public now has no confidence in them. Focus has passed beyond the language of the proposed agreement (which needs a great deal of scrutiny) to a total distrust of what Board members and County staff are saying, why they are saying it, and what they really mean when they say it.

There is now talk of some kind of compromise between Inyo citizens and the Inyo Board of Supervisors. The mere existence of a division great enough to require "compromise" shows that Inyo is in trouble.

But why are the citizens expected to compromise in order to unify the Inyo position? The citizens' position has remained constant for several years and has been clearly expressed in the Groundwater Ordinance. That position has been communicated to past and present Boards of Supervisors several times. At the very least, this Board can be grateful that once again the people have reminded them of that position.

The Board members can bring their conduct into unity with the people whom they are pledged to represent. That, and only that, will resolve the lack of unity in Inyo's position.

Kennedy L. Scruggs
Attorney

To the editor:

I want to thank you and your staff for bringing this travesty of a water agreement to the attention of the Inyo public. I haven't been in this valley too long, but long enough to know what's going on with DWP and the rape of Inyo.

What I want to know is where do we go from here? DWP appears to have gotten exactly what it wanted. They came, divided, and conquered! We've had weak Supervisors sell-out, an apathetic public once again aroused at the prospect of an unsatisfactory agreement, and the glaring lack of real leadership in regards to what Inyo should get for its water. \$72 million dollars worth of water going down the drain to LA and we get peanuts. The only true leadership I've seen is the News-letter and possibly a few others who speak up on rare occasion. So tell me, where do we go from here?

DWP is not going to negotiate, and besides there is no one in government who can talk to them and get what we deserve. There is just no room to compromise on some issues and the minute our officials even mention such things as pumping tables, tax base, surface run-off, and yes, water meters, we've probably lost.

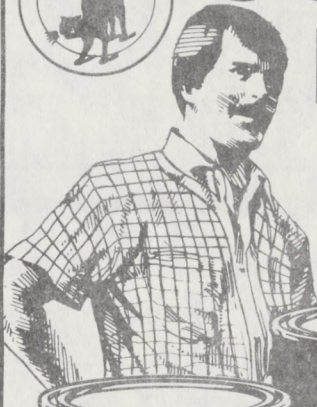
Lawsuits are not bad, but they take up a lot of time, and lawyers are not cheap as Inyo has found out. Civil disobedience may be our best recourse. But that takes leadership of a Gandhi and the willingness of the people to change. I'm not sure we have either one of those. The time was right for India in the 40's. Maybe the time is right for Inyo now! We've got a colonial power we need to get off our backs.

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The Internal Revenue Service is seeking \$30,000 in taxes from T.V. Evangelist Robert Schuller. State wants to merge church funds with state funds.

Members of the Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, and Friends of the Earth are lobbying to get ten million more acres of land designated as wilderness areas. Collective "Friends of B.L.M."

Happiness is finding a new Tax Loophole.

God created the heaven and earth in six days and then he rested. If only he had taken one more day to improve the Caretakers.

It is predicted that Tip O'Neill will accuse Reagan of permitting only rich children to pray in school.

Women fear that replacing typewriters in offices with Vidio Screens may cause pregnancy problems. And we always thought men were the culprits.

In Kansas, a three month amnesty is being granted to citizens who cheated on their back taxes. Some of them will have amnesty so bad they won't be able to remember that they cheated.

In Missouri, legislators daily expense allowances were raised from \$35 to \$50 a day. A sneaky way to get a raise.

Mondale hopes his candidacy will rise again. We hope this will in no way interfere with the sun rising.

Senator Ted Kennedy has refused to support either Mondale or Hart. This leaves him available in case they fall by the way-side.

Many people in the U.S. are saving coins. Called Hoarding by banks and government.

Glenn attacks Hart's naval commission. Hart claims this sneak attack was equivalent to a second Pearl Harbor.

Edwin Meese takes his turn on the Senate hot seat. They are offering him two choices, AC or DC.

Mondale says Hart exploits young voters.

Mondale doesn't exploit one group - he exploits all groups.

Carter urges Democrats to pick a candidate with experience. An experienced pick-pocket can do better than an amateur.

Judge transferred from criminal to civil court because of a bad background. Now he can make civil mistakes instead of criminal mistakes.

Intuition: What you get when your brain is desengaged.

Eliminating Idaho's state dog licensing law could lead to a Rabies outbreak, law-maker says. Everybody knows a dog tax prevents rabies, just like a sin tax prevents sin.

Humor is the art of fighting a hostile environment.

Reverend Jerry Falwell says children should have the same freedom as Congress - to begin their day with prayer. If the things they do in Congress is the answer to their prayers, God help our children.

B.L.M. adds 7,000 acres to Gunnison National Monument in order to protect the monument. Who's going to protect the land that protects the land that is already protected?

U.S. officials are cheering for both sides in the Iran-Iraq war. The war is not as bad as it seems - it's much better now that it's getting worse.

Are Politicians manipulating reporters, or vice versa? They are both guilty of the same vice - versa or not.

Hart ahead of Mondale - Mondale wants the voters to give him a Hart bypass operation.

Where's the BEEF? Tip O'Neill has it.

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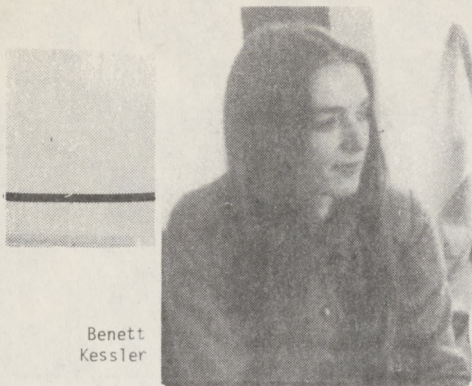
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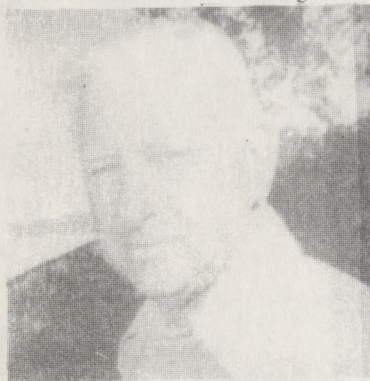
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NEW MANAGER FOR SCHAT'S IN LONE PINE/ TYING THE KNOT/
A DUMP FOR BIG PINE?/

In the mountain counties of California, including Inyo-Mono, water is abundant but population and political clout are not. It's a dangerous situation for the "Counties of Origin", as they are called.

Inyo rancher and businessman, Keith Bright, knows this and says he has talked with Governor George Deukmejian about it.



Keith Bright

When Deukmejian was elected, Bright was one of a number of people appointed to an advisory committee to the Governor. Originally, the committee advised the Governor on appointments to his administration. But it didn't stop there. The advisors are still active.

Bright said recently he talked to the Governor about having someone from the counties of water origin sitting on the State Water Resources Board. That Board mostly includes people from areas who take advantage of the mountain counties' resources. The Governor listened, but no action yet.

Speaking of Keith Bright, he appeared in the PBS program, "Water, Wealth, and Power." As in most television productions, this one excluded some of what Bright said during his interview. He wanted to make the point that he believes DWP should pump water from deep aquifers so that water would not be drawn down from surface vegetation. Bright says DWP is not doing that now and that he has made this same suggestion for more than 10 years.

Rumors were buzzing around Lone Pine when Schat's Bakery store mysteriously closed down for a few days. Our sources told us that employees had walked off the job. Schat's retail outlet in Bishop, the firm running the Lone Pine store, declined to tell us just what was going on.

Speculation ran rampant. But the upshot is a new business in town. Barry Simpson, who owns the popular Mohmart Deli and service station in Bishop, is leasing the store. Barry says he'll sell Schat's products, but he wants to put in a mini-mart and revitalize the service station. Barry will keep tables where you can still sit down for coffee and goodies.

Barry says it's true that most of the old Schat's crew did walk off the job. He said he planned to hire mostly new people. The new manager of the store is Dale Kopp. Some close to the situation said that the

Schat family - Dan and brother Jack - had some business disagreements which led to the closing of the Lone Pine store... at least for a few days.

Marriage in the air these days... Gayle Hurd, daughter of Big Pine's Whistler and Margaret Hurd, made plans to marry Dr. John Andrews of Reno. They had a pre-wedding bash at Knight Manor.

And we hear that former Lone Pine music teacher, Phil Dupuis will tie the knot with make-up artist Smilya Ann Weston. Phil's job had been cut when Lone Pine school officials trimmed the budget a year or so ago. He went to work at Mammoth Mountain. Many hope that if Lone Pine and Independence schools hire a music teacher to share that it will be Dupuis.

Very Pleasant Person (VPP) department: Jigger Nelson of Big Pine. He's the kind of guy who has the energy and concern for his community to make things happen. Jigger, who is, of course, the Big Pine Fire Chief, has lately taken on the task of setting up a dump for Big Pine. Right now, Big Pine people have to drive to Bishop to dump trash and garbage. Big Pine is the only town in Inyo without a dump. But Jigger's determined to do something about it.

Finally... a retirement party for two former Sheriff's men - Jack Davis and Jerry Nash. A big party planned for the Lariat Room at Ponderosa Restaurant on the 31st.

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-Inyo County Health Department

- Clinic Hours -

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Mon & Wed 1 - 5 Friday 9 - 12

General Clinic - appointment only

Monday 9 - 12

Wednesday 9 - 5

Friday 9 - 12

Family Planning - appointment only

Thursday 9 - 5

Independence Clinic

Drop-in Clinic

Monday 1 - 5

General Clinic - appointment only

Tuesday 1 - 5

Family Planning - appointment only

Tuesday 1 - 5

Lone Pine Clinic

Drop-in Clinic

Monday 1 - 5

Friday 9 - 12

General Clinic

Tuesday 9 - 5

Family Planning

Tuesday 9 - 5

-Anyone wishing to become a CPR instructor may take an instructors class to be held at the Independence Fire Department on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 from 9 to 5 p.m. A \$15 preregistration fee will be charged. Registration closes April 1. If interested contact John Hogan at 878-2554 after 4 p.m.

-Inyo Superior Court Judge Don Chapman urges any citizen of Inyo County over the age of 18 who wishes to volunteer for the Grand Jury to contact Superior Court Secretary Linda Mills at her office in Independence 878-2411, from Bishop call toll free 873-8481, ext. 2217, from Lone Pine call toll free 876-5559, ext. 2217 no later than May 1.

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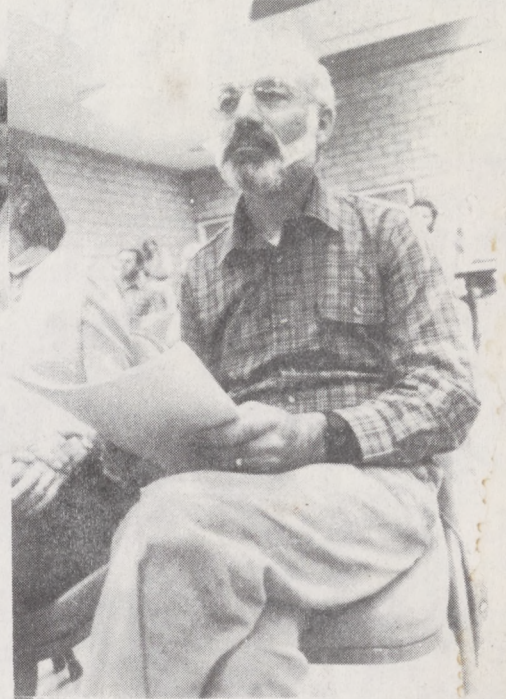
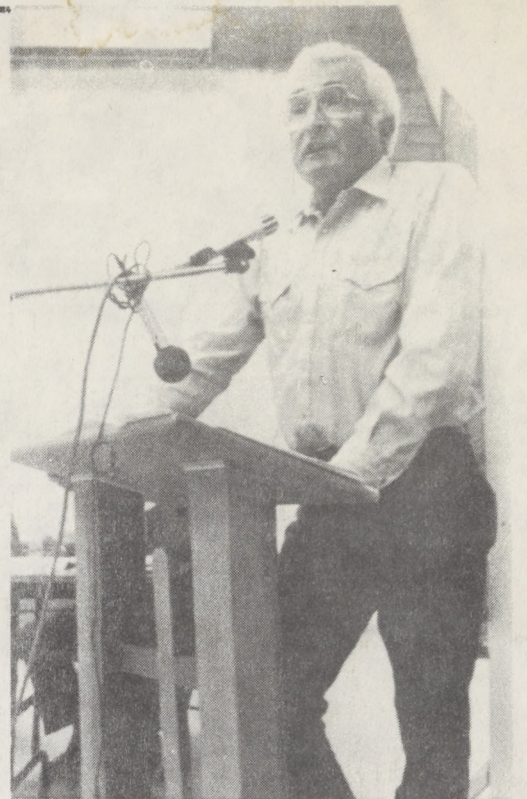
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